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SUBJ: COPEI AND MENE GRANDE OIL CO.

REF: A. CARACAS 6857; B. CARACAS 6865

1. LEWIS RAMSEY, PRESIDENT OF MENE GRANDE OIL COMPANY, TELLS ME THAT PEDRO PABLO AGUILAR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF COPEI PARTY, HAS BEEN THREATENING THAT U.S. OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO ADECO CAMPAIGN FUNDS BUT HAVE MADE NO SIMILAR CONTRIBUTION TO COPEI. RAMSEY HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, AUGUST 13, TO CONFRONT COPEYANO REPRESENTATIVES AND PLANS TO TELL THEM (A) THAT MENE GRANDE HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY AND (B) HAS NO INTENTION OF CONTRIBUTING TO COPEI.

2. RAMSEY IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, AT MINATORY ATTITUDE OF AGUILAR AND IS NOT UNMINDFUL OF THREAT OF NATIONALIZATION RAISED BY MINISTER OF HYDROCARBONS AS REPORTED REF A. ALTHOUGH HE WAS RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE, IT WAS CLEAR THAT RAMSEY (AND--REF B--PERHAPS OTHER U.S. COMPANIES) ARE FEARFUL THAT COPEI MAY BE DRUMMING UP A PRETEXT FOR MORE DRAMATIC AND DRASTIC ACTION.

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